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## CONGRESSIONAL DOINGS

### MINOR BILLS PASS THE HOUSE.

The Motion to Take from the Table the Mexican Pension Bill and Concur in Senate Amendment is Lost.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Motions to suspend the rules being in order, Mr. Cassidy (Nev.) claimed the floor on a motion to suspend the rules to pass the Senate bill for a public building at Carson City, Nevada, and the bill passed without division. Mr. Hiseock (N. Y.) was next recognized, and renewed his motion of last session to pass a bill repealing, after July 1, 1885, the internal revenue tax on tobacco, snuff, cigars, and on fruits and spirits, and permitting alcohol and distilled spirits to be withdrawn from the bond without the payment of the tax when they are to be used for other purposes than a beverage. Mr. Mills (Tex.) demanded a second reading, which was ordered by 87 to 75. After debate the vote was taken, which resulted, yeas 77, nays 128, not even a majority voting to suspend the rules. Mr. Mills (Tex.) moved to suspend the rules to pass a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a public building at Waco, Texas, was agreed to without debate. Mr. Keifer (Ohio) moved to suspend the rules and take from the Speaker's table the Mexican Pension Bill and concur in the Senate amendments. Mr. Hammond (Ga.) demanded a second reading, which was ordered by a vote of 98 to 68. Mr. Hammond opposed the Senate amendments which he said were voted for in the hopes that the conservative Democrats would strike them off. He asked if Mr. Keifer could tell within one thousand million dollars what the bill would involve. He asserted that no man who had a proper regard for his reputation would hazard a guess as to the cost. Mr. Warner, of Ohio, said if the principle involved in this bill was extended as it ought to be of right to the soldiers of the civil war, it would involve the expenditure of two thousand millions, five hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Townsend, of Illinois, was not satisfied with the Senate amendments and had hoped the House would not consider them; that a better bill could be had through a conference committee and if this motion failed he should still press the bill in the House to the extent of raising a question of consideration against the Inter-State Commerce Bill. He thought there was no better way to deplete the treasury than by its distribution among the soldiers. Mr. Gannan, of Illinois, urged the bill as an act of justice to Mexican soldiers. He said under the Democratic policy of the House, unless it passed within the next sixty minutes, it would not become a law.

Mr. Reed (Maine) would have preferred the consideration of the senate amendments but the rules of the House were framed to prevent the transaction of business. It would prevent any consideration and it must be passed under a suspension of the rules to-day, if at all. The House, by a vote of yeas 129, nays 85, refused to suspend the rules for the purpose indicated by Mr. Keifer, not two-thirds voting in the affirmative. Mr. Collins (Mass.) moved to suspend the rules and make the bankruptcy bill the continuing special order for January 22. A second reading was demanded by Mr. Willis (Kentucky) and ordered by the House by a vote of 119 to 51.

Messrs. Hammond (Ga.), Moulton (Ill.), and Willis (Ky.) opposed the motion, and incidentally attacked the bill.

Mr. Collins said in the four minutes reserved of his time to answer the arguments, but if the House would fix a day for the consideration of the measure, he would show them their error, and disprove of certain statements that had been made. The House by yeas 136, nays 76, not two-thirds, refused to suspend the rules for the purpose indicated. On motion of Mr. Randall (Pa.) the Naval Appropriation Bill was taken from the Speaker's table and with the Senate amendments was referred to the Appropriation Committee. At 4:30 p. m. the House adjourned.

### SCHAEFER BEATS SLOSSON.

#### A Brilliant Game Between the Champions at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Central Music Hall was crowded to-night to witness the champion game of billiards between Schaefer and Slosson, eight hundred points for \$500 a side. Both men were in good trim, and not at all nervous. Schaefer led from the second inning, and throughout the game. At one point Slosson claimed a foul, Schaefer having removed a piece of chalk from the table in opposition to the rules, but it was not allowed by the referee, which occasioned some slight hissing. In the forty-eighth inning Schaefer completed the score of eight hundred and won the game, Slosson standing 589 in his forty-seventh inning. The game was remarkable for its rapid play, and not high runs. Schaefer's highest was 78, 68 and 62. Slosson 67, 62 and 57. Time of game three hours and seventeen minutes.

### New Corporations.

Articles of Association were filed in the office of the Secretary of State during the week ending January 3, as follows: Cadillac, Manistee Valley & Lake Michigan railroad company; capital \$90,000. Greenville Roller Rink Association; capital \$3,000. Enclid Gold Mining Company, Marquette; capital \$1,000,000. The Polish National Benevolent Society, Grand Rapids. Nordisk Frenskmidt Forening Mutual Benevolent Society of Manistee, Mich. Sands & Maxwell Lumber Company, Pontwater; capital, \$200,000. N. A. Barnard Company, Saginaw; capital, \$10,000. Bennett & Osburn Manufacturing Company, Grand Rapids; capital, \$30,000.

### A \$40,000 Blaze.

HOLEY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—A fire, which started in F. H. Goodman's store this morning, destroyed one-third of the business part of the town, including Friebe's block, Robb's block and Masonic hall. The Masonic papers and effects were destroyed. This is the third time this section of the town has been burned over. The loss will reach \$40,000. The Holey Standard newspaper office was burned out.

### The New York Speakership.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—In the speakership contest Mr. Habbell, who has been a prominent candidate, has withdrawn, leaving a clear ring to Mr. Erwin, who will probably be nominated by acclamation at caucus this evening.

### Reported Wreck.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—It is reported there was a bad wreck of a passenger train and several injured at Lilly, Ill., to-night, on the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western. Official news profess to have no information.

## DESERVES A HALTER.

### A Desperado Murders a Husband in His Wife's Presence.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Jan. 5.—Samuel M. Baker, who had been married but a short time, was shot down in cold blood a few days ago by John W. Smyth, a desperado who for years has been the terror of Carroll county, where Baker lived. Baker was walking with his young bride when met by Smyth and two companions, who at once tried to pick a quarrel. Baker tried to avoid trouble, but Smyth became violent. Mrs. Baker, thinking to save her husband, knelt at Smyth's feet, and clinging to his knees shrieked a supplication for mercy. The ruffian spurned her from him with his boot, and after forcing Baker to kneel, deliberately shot him through the heart. The community is greatly aroused, and if Smyth can be overtaken he will be lynched.

## THE EXCITEMENT ABATING.

### Wilson's Friends Make Threats of Violence and Incendiarism.

MOOREFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 5.—There is a little abatement in the excitement here this morning. Wilson is lying in a comatose state and young Loeb has escaped. It is reported that a force of men is coming from the branch of the Potomac to attack the court house in Loeb's interest. This morning in a fight in a saloon William Alton was fatally shot. The sheriff is still in the possession of the court house. Most of the women and children have left the town, and the ministers are at the place working hard to get the people to go home. The rumor prevails that Loeb's friends succeeded in getting the bonds last night. A request has been sent to Martinsburg for the Park Artillery. Wilson's friends say if he dies they will hang Loeb and burn the court house.

## WILL BOX FOUR ROUNDS.

### Mitchell is Ready to Meet Scholes at Any Time.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 5.—John F. Scholes has received a reply from Charley Mitchell, at present in Detroit, Mich., to his recent challenge to box four rounds, Marquis of Queensbury rules. Mitchell says he is ready to meet Scholes at any time. He will remain in Detroit until Scholes forwards the articles of agreement, and will then come to Toronto to get in shape for the contest. Scholes is delighted and will at once forward the necessary papers and make other necessary arrangements.

## The Portage Lake Canal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Cramer last spring offered a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War to investigate as to the advisability of the Government purchasing the Portage Lake ship canal. Secretary Lincoln made a report this morning in favor of making the purchase by the Government. The price recommended to be paid is \$330,000.

## Papal Generosity.

ROME, Jan. 5.—The Pope has given 40,000 francs for the relief of sufferers from earthquakes in Spain.

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The capital of the Advance threshing machine works, at Battle Creek, is to be increased to \$200,000.

The Appleton, Wis., toy factory closed last week to await a revival of trade. Twenty hands were thrown out of employment.

One hundred weavers in Johnson's mill, at North Adams, struck Friday against a reduction, and were ordered from their tenements.

A reduction of 10 per cent. in wages caused one hundred weavers in Johnson's gingham-mill, at North Adams, Mass., to go out on a strike.

Notice of a reduction of from 10 to 25 per cent. in the wages of the steel workers at Coshocton, O., has been given. Half of the workers will strike.

The edge-makers in the shoe factories of Francis V. Freed, of Lynn, Mass., are on a strike, owing to a refusal to discharge a "scab," and a cut in prices for trimming.

A company of Chicago capitalists have put up \$1,000,000, and will erect saw-mills and factories on Huron Bay, a few miles north of L'Anse, for the purpose of working up hardwood lumber.

A lot of strikers fired a tunnel on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, near Newark, O., on the second instant, and 300 feet of the tunnel was destroyed before the flames could be extinguished.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad has ordered a sweeping reduction in wages of the employees of the Jersey Central Division. The reduction applies to all except conductors, engineers and firemen.

The Pittsburgh Bessemer Steel works, at Homestead, have posted a notice that on Wednesday next they will reduce the wages of the employees in the rail-mill thirty-three per cent., those in the converting-mill twenty per cent. and the laborers ten per cent. The works employ about one thousand men. The reduction will not affect the operatives who belong to the Amalgamated Association.

The total number of building permits issued in Philadelphia during 1884 was 6,234, an increase of 349 over the number issued in 1883. The dwellings erected numbered 4,258, while the houses built in 1883 were 571 less. One hundred and sixty-one stores and warehouses, fifty-five factories, twenty churches and chapels, eighteen railroad and freight stations and five school-houses were among the buildings erected.

The Illinois Watch Factory, of Springfield, has issued a notification to its employees that it will in future run but eight hours per day until further notice. This factory closed two months during the summer, and has since been employing but little over six hundred hands, which is only about 50 per cent. of the full number employed when the factory is in a prosperous condition. About six months ago twelve hundred hands were in constant employment here, but since that time such difficulty has been constantly encountered in disposing of the surplus stock of watches that great uneasiness now prevails among the remaining employees, and the fear is general that the factory will soon be obliged to close altogether for an indefinite period.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, writing from Ironton, Ohio, says: "As a member of a community that is the centre of a mining and iron-producing region, I feel called upon to remonstrate against the iteration and reiteration of this cry of 'hard times' that comes from all parts of the country where iron interests are prominent. An iron region is probably the most delicate of all financial barometers—the most likely to indicate any fluctuations in the money market—and the condition of affairs here would indicate anything but stormy weather in business, as we have never in the course of our life as a community known better or easier times than the present. Our mills and furnaces are all in full blast, our merchants are doing thriving business, and wages are being paid as plentifully as at any time during the last five years."

## DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

### THE ARGUMENTS BEING MADE.

The Testimony in the Great Crouch Case All In After Ten Weeks of Questions and Cross-Questions.

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 5.—The last evidence submitted in the Holcomb case Saturday afternoon related to the impossibility of seeing the horse barn at Holcomb's place from the windows of the room in which Loundsberry slept. Several witnesses swore to this, on the strength of personal examination of the premises. After a brief conference between counsel, the defense announced that their testimony was all in and the people followed with a similar announcement. The defense then proposed to submit the case without argument, but to this the prosecution would not consent. The prosecution asked that the usual charges to the jury in homicide cases be made by the court. The defense submitted a long list of requests in writing. Thereupon court adjourned until this morning.

Court did not open this morning, the beginning of the tenth week of the Holcomb trial, until 10:15 o'clock. The room was full of spectators. The judge sent the jury out while the defense's requests for charges were being read. They were sixty-three in number. The objections of the prosecution to the requests of the defense had reached number forty-three when the noon recess was ordered.

Since the trial began, two months ago today, ninety-three witnesses have been sworn for the defense and a seventy-five for the prosecution. The court stenographer has taken 8,330 folios, or 873,000 words of testimony. At 3:40 p. m. Mr. Burkworth began his opening speech to the jury, and spoke until 5 o'clock. He said robbery was not the motive for the murder, but it was to get Jacob Crouch, Eunice White and her unborn child out of the way. The night chosen showed a conspiracy existed and more than one did the murdering. The bureau drawers were opened to indicate robbery.

## PEOPLE UP IN ARMS.

### They Want the Life of Captain Williams the Murderer.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5.—Capt. Samuel Smith, of Pungy, and Herman Ellis have just arrived from Princess Anne, and report that the people are up in arms against Captain Williams, who is accused of the fiendish murder of one of his deck hands. The people are clamoring for the speedy trial of Williams. It is also asserted that Mayhew was not Williams' first victim; that when he commanded the Freddie Hamilton, a year ago, he killed one of the dredgers who had shipped with him, and that the crime has just been brought to light.

## Floods on the Wabash.

VINCENNES, Jan. 5.—The Wabash River is still rising. The levees below the city on the Indiana side are breaking and the people are moving to higher ground. The new levee on the Illinois side, extending from Russellville to the mouth of the Embury, eighteen miles, is a menace to Vincennes, as it confines the overflow which formerly spread over the whole of Allison prairie. Within its limits it forces the overflow to the Indiana side, and thus threatens to flood the whole city, which heretofore has been absolutely safe. People are alarmed, and are making strenuous efforts to sustain the levees. It has been raining since one o'clock this morning.

## Arms and Ammunition Seized.

NEWARK, O., Jan. 4.—Depot Policeman Brooke yesterday seized five cases of Winchester repeating rifles and 2,500 rounds of ammunition consigned from Pittsburgh to Joseph O'Donnell, Adams express company. O'Donnell has since been arrested for crimes committed in the Hoeking Valley.

## TRADE AND FINANCE.

### OFFICE OF F. V. TAYLOR, Street Hotel, Grand Rapids, Jan. 5, 1885.

Cables reported wheat firmer, steady and unchanged.

Exports Saturday from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore in wheat and flour amounted to about 100,000 bushels wheat. Chicago receipts were: Wheat 135, corn 208, oats 56 cars. Latest advices regarding cost of wheat in England and Continental Europe show the decrease, as compared with last year, to be about thirty millions instead of twenty millions, as stated some days ago. While there has been an unusually rapid advance in all wheat markets, and the general public does not expect to see present prices maintained, I still hold to my opinion that prices must go higher, but accompanied with wider fluctuations.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closed.
Wheat	82 3/4	83 1/4	82 1/4	82 3/4
January	80 1/2	81 1/4	80 1/4	80 3/4
February	80 1/2	81 1/4	80 1/4	80 3/4
May	87 1/2	88 1/4	87 1/4	87 3/4
Corn	35 1/2	36 1/4	35 1/4	35 3/4
January	35 1/2	36 1/4	35 1/4	35 3/4
February	35 1/2	36 1/4	35 1/4	35 3/4
May	46 1/2	47 1/4	46 1/4	46 3/4
Oats	29 1/2	30 1/4	29 1/4	29 3/4
January	29 1/2	30 1/4	29 1/4	29 3/4
February	29 1/2	30 1/4	29 1/4	29 3/4
May	31 1/2	32 1/4	31 1/4	31 3/4
Lard	11 1/2	12 1/4	11 1/4	11 3/4
January	11 1/2	12 1/4	11 1/4	11 3/4
February	11 1/2	12 1/4	11 1/4	11 3/4
May	13 1/2	14 1/4	13 1/4	13 3/4

### New York, Jan. 5.

Flour—Dull, and a shade higher in some grades. Superfine State, \$2 3/4; round bottom Ohio, \$2 3/4; Southern flour firm; common to choice extra, \$3 25 to \$3 50.

WHEAT—Options opened firm and excited. In the early dealings prices were advanced 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. but from this there was some reaction, and the close was steady, with a shade of loss.

Spot sales of No. 1 hard winter red at 80¢; No. 2 hard winter red at 79¢; No. 3 hard winter red at 78¢; No. 4 hard winter red at 77¢; No. 5 hard winter red at 76¢; No. 6 hard winter red at 75¢; No. 7 hard winter red at 74¢; No. 8 hard winter red at 73¢; No. 9 hard winter red at 72¢; No. 10 hard winter red at 71¢; No. 11 hard winter red at 70¢; No. 12 hard winter red at 69¢.

Options—Options opened excited and higher, prices closing at an advance of 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. Spot sales of No. 1 hard winter red at 80¢; No. 2 hard winter red at 79¢; No. 3 hard winter red at 78¢; No. 4 hard winter red at 77¢; No. 5 hard winter red at 76¢; No. 6 hard winter red at 75¢; No. 7 hard winter red at 74¢; No. 8 hard winter red at 73¢; No. 9 hard winter red at 72¢; No. 10 hard winter red at 71¢; No. 11 hard winter red at 70¢; No. 12 hard winter red at 69¢.

COTTON—Options opened firm and higher, prices closing at an advance of 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. Spot sales of No. 1 white state at 27¢; No. 2 white state at 26¢; No. 3 white state at 25¢; No. 4 white state at 24¢; No. 5 white state at 23¢; No. 6 white state at 22¢; No. 7 white state at 21¢; No. 8 white state at 20¢; No. 9 white state at 19¢; No. 10 white state at 18¢; No. 11 white state at 17¢; No. 12 white state at 16¢.

BAILEY—Nominal.

RAILROAD—Dull, new issues, \$12 3/4 to \$13 1/2.

LAND—Firm, \$1 25 to \$1 50.

STOCKS—Quiet; State, 100 to 120; Western, 9 to 10.

RENTS—Nominal; fair to good refining, 14 to 15¢.

KNOW—Firm; State and Western, 20¢.

### NEW YORK, Jan. 5.

Money closed overall 1 1/4 per cent. which was the ruling rate for the day. Exchange closed quiet; posted rates at 4 1/4 to 4 1/2; actual rates at 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 for 60 days, and 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 for 90 days.

Government bonds closed firm; currency 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; U. S. 104 1/2 to 104 3/4; U. S. 104 1/2 to 104 3/4.

## THE "WEEK OF PRAYER."

### Announcements for the Week in the M. E. Church.

The congregation of Division Street M. E. Church will observe four evenings of this week, which is known in church circles as "the week of prayer." For three evenings the exercises will be under the pastor's direction in the church as follows: Tuesday evening, topic, "The Prosperity of the Church," address by Hon. J. W. Stone; Wednesday evening, topic, "Family Religion," address by H. Joslin, Esq., solo by Mrs. Hosken; Thursday evening, topic, "The Prosperity of the Nation," address by W. W. Hyde, Esq., solo by Mrs. Shedd. On Friday evening Catechetical Prayer Meetings will be held, one in each parish district, under the direction of the leaders, thus:

First District—At the residence of Mr. Cummings, 126 Summer street, Dr. Hosken leader. Second District—At the residence of Mr. Beckwith, 174 N. Ionia street, Mr. Collins leader. Third District—At the residence of Mr. Quigly, 118 Barclay street, Mr. Adams leader. Fourth District—At the residence of Mr. Neeland, 171 Livingston street, Mr. Crosby leader. Fifth District—At 324 Bronson street, Mr. Whittemore leader. Sixth District—At the residence of Mr. Hovey, 27 Sheldon street, Mr. Jackson leader. Seventh District—At 38 Paris avenue, Dr. Owen leader. Eighth District—At the residence of Mr. Wilmington, 64 Maple street, Mr. Thompson leader. Ninth District—At 71 First avenue, Mr. Griffin leader.

The services will all begin at 7:30 o'clock, and the public generally are invited. At the cottage meetings especially members of other denominations and in all the vicinity of the places announced will be welcome.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

### Arrangements Being Made for the Next Anniversary Meeting.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. for the election of officers was held at the society's rooms last evening. The following is the result of the election: President, McGeorge Bundy; Vice Presidents, F. Emery Tuttle, John A. S. Verdier; Treasurer, J. K. Johnston; Recording Secretary, J. M. Hurst; Corresponding Secretary, John G. Shields; Board of Directors, Hon. M. S. Crosby, J. H. P. Hinghart, Jas. Gallop, E. J. Horton, John G. Shields, John Widdicombe; for three years, Julius Berkeley, Geo. G. Clay, Edwin Hoyt, Jr., John H. Switzer; for two years, Rev. George C. Whitworth, E. F. Sweet. The nineteenth anniversary of the organization of the association in this city will be appropriately celebrated Monday, Jan. 26. A special program will be arranged for the occasion.

## The New Trustees.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church Society was held at the church this forenoon. The new trustees selected Judge Withey, L. W. Wolcott and D. D. Cody. The board now comprises these three and Messrs. Judge Perkins, Prof. E. A. Strong, J. H. Martin, N. L. Avery, L. D. Norris and H. B. Brown. The trustees reported showed expenditures \$4,800 and receipts a little over that amount. The sale of seats netted \$5,000.

## RAILROAD NOTES.

A. M. Nichols is in Chicago.

J. H. Carpenter, of the Chicago & West Michigan, is in Muskegon on business.

M. E. Wattles, Division Superintendent of the Lake Shore Road, was here yesterday inspecting their bridge.

The water which flowed in at the rear of the West Bridge street depot fell about five inches yesterday afternoon.

John Newell, General Manager of the Lake Shore, accompanied by General Superintendent Wright, is making a tour of inspection of the numerous divisions of his road.

Mr. A. E. Kennedy, recently of Minneapolis, Minn., who has been connected with the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, has taken a clerical position on the C. & W. M. road, in the General Freight and Passenger Agent's office.

The St. Paul Road has not yet decided to allow the Wisconsin Central entrance into Chicago over its line, and in the event of refusal it is thought the Wisconsin Central will make its shipments end at the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Road through this city.

Hitherto the cut in passenger rates has been confined to Western travel, but has now begun to make itself felt in rates from leading Western points to the East. It will now be possible for the young man who wishes to "go West and grow up with the country" to get money enough to return to his father's house after getting reduced to knicks.

Mr. J. H. Muir has been appointed Treasurer of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway in addition to his duties as Treasurer of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway. Mr. Charles Percy, who has heretofore occupied the position of Treasurer and Secretary of the Chicago & Grand Trunk, will hereafter be Secretary of the Chicago & Grand Trunk and the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railways.

The Michigan Central Railroad Company threatens to meet scalpers' rates from Chicago to New York, and it is predicted that under such a condition of affairs the rate will fall to \$5. The Michigan Central, Lake Shore & Pennsylvania railroads last week reduced their rates from Chicago to New York to \$14. The scalpers make a rate of \$13.50 via the Michigan Central, and \$12 via the Grand Trunk and Chicago & Atlantic.

Returns collected by the Railway Age from official sources show the total of new main line track added during the year to have been a little under 4,000 miles, which figure may possibly be reached by final returns. This is about 3,000 miles less than that laid in 1883, and about 7,000 miles less than the total reached in the wonderful year 1882. It is also much less than that of the years 1879, '80 and '81, but on the other hand it far exceeds the work of 1875, '76, '77 and '78.

Some of the roads leading to this city are comparing notes on the amount of travel given a few local "free pass" recipients. It is said that the editor of a local weekly newspaper has traveled over thirteen hundred miles in three months on one line alone, and that his record is even surpassed by a brother editor of a paper of the same class. The roads make an account of every mile traveled on passes, and by referring to their books soon find who are abusing their privileges. The railroad "black list" is made up of such.

## THE CITY COUNCIL.

### AN UNIMPORTANT SESSION HELD.

Petitions Passed On—Charter Amendments Approved—Sewer Rolls—Minor Miscellaneous Matter.

The Common Council met last evening. The Mayor, Aldermen Grady, Moore and Palmerlee were absent. Alderman Killen acted as President of the Council.

The petition of John McIntyre and other property owners, remonstrating against the order of Council to lay stone pavements, was referred to special committee, composed of the Aldermen of the Second and Fourth Wards. The petition of Magdalen Nodelsky, praying for the remission of a tax of \$4.96 levied against her property, was referred to the Committee on Poor, with power to act. J. O. Fitch was given permission to pile building material on Island street. Also, to James Hamblin, on the corner of Division street and Third avenue.

A communication from the attorneys of James O. Ely was read, in which they gave the details of a collision between a ladder truck belonging to the city fire department and a buggy belonging to their client, whereby a daughter of the latter was injured, and his buggy damaged, and offering to accept \$100 in full for all claims against the city; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The City Clerk's report stating that he held receipts and vouchers for \$117.78 in his hands, was placed on file. The City Controller's report of bills examined and found correct was received and orders directed to be drawn. The City Treasurer's annual report ending January 5, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The report for the month of December from Chas. F. Rathbun, Clerk of the Superior Court, and A. B. Tozer, Clerk of the Police Court, were referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts. The report of the Board of Public Works, on the condition of Lincoln Park, was laid on the table, owing to the absence of Ald. Palmerlee, of the Committee on Parks.

The report of City Surveyor H. A. Collar, upon the boundary lines of Cherry street, was accepted and laid on the table one week.

The report of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners fixed the estimates for the two departments for the ensuing month at \$3,066.16 and \$3,802.08 respectively. The number of men employed in the respective departments were reported as forty-two and sixty-six. The report was accepted and placed on file. Ald. Gilbert, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported adversely on the petitions of the "Little Sisters of the Poor" and that of Supervisor John Benjamin, relative to the remission of taxes levied on properties. Adopted.

On motion of Ald. Brenner, the ordinance relating to auctioneers was taken from the table and passed to third reading, and then laid on the table one week for publication.

It was explained that an auctioneer was running several auctions within the limits of the city under one license by means of agents, and this ordinance is intended to prevent such abuses. Ald. De Graaf, from a special committee, reported the condition of the sewer assessment roll for Second avenue and the amount of money collected and uncollected; adopted. Ald. Creque, of the Committee on Sidewalks, gave notice of a meeting in the Committee room on Wednesday evening. The assessment roll for the grading and graveling of Grove street was placed in the Marshal's hands for collection. The assessment roll for regrading and paving Fountain street, was placed on the table for one week and ordered advertised. The assessment roll for the construction of a sewer on Ransom street was taken from the table, ratified and confirmed.

The city marshal was directed to furnish the City Clerk with a list of uncollected taxes on Second avenue and for grading and improving on certain streets. Ald. Gilbert introduced a resolution to assess properties for the Fulton street improvements, in accordance with the \$9,406 verdict in the Superior Court; the resolution and order relative thereto was adopted. The sum of \$2,000 was transferred from the Wealthy Avenue Sewer Extension Fund to the Contingent fund. The sidewalks on Waterloo street were ordered to be repaired. A resolution introduced by Ald. Whitney for raising and grading portions of Webster, Scribner and North streets as a safeguard against floods, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ald. Yates introduced a resolution which was adopted, asking the Senator of this district and the representatives in the Legislature to introduce a bill allowing the council to establish wharf lines and to prevent encroachments on the river.

On motion of Ald. Gilbert the Council took up the subject of charter amendments. The amendment pertaining to the duties of Highway Commissioners, to ascertain and describe public grounds, streets, etc., and to have power and authority to establish dock and building lines along the river, to provide for penalties for building beyond such lines, etc., was approved and embodied in a charter amendment. The proposed amendment affecting the Board of Health proposed and offered by that Board, giving it more authority in certain cases to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, providing for the building of a pest-house, etc., was laid on the table for one week and ordered printed. Section 11, relative to Board of Public Works, was taken from the table and approved. Section 11, on the same subject, was on the motion of Ald. Yates stricken out. Adjourned.

## The Old Residents.

The following notice is self explanatory. The old residents, long may they live to relate their experiences of pioneer days:

A special meeting of the Old Residents' Association of the Grand River Valley will be held at the Superior Court room on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of making arrangements for holding their annual reunion and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

By Order of the Executive Committee.

RENEE N. SMITH, Secretary.

## We are daily receiving accessions to our already large stock of Gent's fine

## SEAL CAPS AND GLOVES.